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Column One By David Courtney

THE Korean war will be a year old next month; and on the evidence, may well go on for another year unless General Marshall's hints of exceptional new weapons become a reality. In its way, it has become a big war. It involves China—a Chinese army varying in estimates from 150,000 men to half a million; and a partial embargo on trade with China, which is not likely to hurt the Chinese and may soon be replaced by a total blockade, which India, of course, as well as Pakistan and Indonesia, will pay no heed to. It is a big war in another sense. Even General Marshall seems to regard it as a long-drawn-out, time-consuming prelude to something worse. He says that war with Russia is not inevitable—they all say that; but his and General Bradley's testimony at the MacArthur hearings give the impression that what is really meant is that war with Russia is undesirable just now.

THE longer the Korean war goes on the greater the risk of world war; and the more sensitive become all the sore places of the earth—Persia, Yugoslavia, Germany for example; and every problem has to be settled with an eye to the next great war: including the problem of a nation's social and economic welfare. Mr. Stokes, after a visit to the U.S. and Canada has just got back to Britain and reported that more sulphur and cotton will be allocated to British industry; but quite clearly it will not be enough: even big steel works have started closing down in England and the experts say that very soon there will have to be a new, drastic curtailment of civil output. The Korean war is the spoon that stirs the witch's brew of rearmament, while the flame burns out under the forgotten welfare pot.

SINCE Korea, every nation has started preparing for the not-inevitable war the Greeks, the Turks, small peoples like that, who would be the first to suffer if war came; and in their fear are clutching, quite naturally, at the skirts of the big nations. Greece and Turkey want very badly to get right inside the Atlantic Pact and the United States wants to have them there. The Americans want it because, if the Korean war should become a general European war, Russia, in their view, will then turn on Europe; and there would be three wars to fight: General Ridgway's General Eisenhower's, which would be concerned with keeping a bridgehead in the western part of continental Europe; and General LeMay's war. General LeMay is Commander of the U.S. Strategic Air Command, whose purpose it would be to reduce Russian arms production centres and to destroy communications by atomic bombing.

NOW, General LeMay's strength is mainly in medium bombers, which need bases as close as possible to Russia if it is to help General Eisenhower; and the best countries for these bases are North Africa, Greece and Turkey. A separate Mediterranean Pact would not ensure the use of these bases by America, "because the Russians might not attack the member-countries." On the other hand, the inclusion of Greece and Turkey within the Atlantic Pact would make their territories automatically available to General LeMay the moment war broke out in Europe. It is expected that the Asian fire can be kept banked long enough to allow of the building of these North African and Middle East bases in good time for the not-inevitable war, for which Korea, with all its faults and casualties, is not a bad testing ground. Such, according to a well-informed report, is the way the Americans have put their arguments to Britain, who now seems to be giving up her objections to a plan by which any military incident in almost any part of the Middle Eastern and Western world would automatically become a global war.

KOREA has been terribly costly in lives, in principle, in material resources, in temper and in reputation; and if the war goes on much longer, the cost may be increased a hundred-fold. One cannot help wondering if it is all worth while.

Tel Aviv, May 24.

U.N. Halts Threat Of Breakthrough On Eastern Front

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuters).—U.N. forces on the eastern front tonight sealed a gap in their lines, and dispelled the threat of a massive Chinese breakthrough into South Korea.

The threat had hung over the eastern sector for several days while massed formations of Chinese hurried themselves against sagging U.N. lines. In the second phase of their spring offensive, they drove a wedge into the Allied defenses to a point 25 kms. east-southeast of Pungnam—but near Sokari they advanced into the jaws of a giant pincer movement.

The threat vanished tonight as the Allied pincer movement began to close, threatening to trap the Communists well south of their main lines. Worn out in their efforts to penetrate to the south, the attackers made hurried preparations to withdraw.

Limited Withdrawal
An 8th Army Headquarters spokesman said tonight there were indications of a limited Chinese withdrawal along the entire Korean front. His statement was regarded as cautious for throughout the day Allied commanders in all sectors of the 200 km.-front had reported the enemy falling back to the north.

The Chinese began their withdrawal in the west and centre, trying to beat off powerful Allied counter-attacks. At the end of the day the withdrawal spread to the east, where they had concentrated the main weight of their offensive.

Bradley Warning On Korean War

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP).—General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned at the Senate inquiry today that the "longer the problem in Korea keeps up the less we are prepared to meet any movement anywhere else."

"I would prefer not to reveal my views on Iran, because I am not sure that it has too much application in our case, but there is danger of course, of the Russians moving into Iran and starting another aggression," he added.

U.S. Scheme For Disarmament

LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday (Reuters).—The U.S. has drafted a plan for the creation of a new disarmament commission which would include atomic energy, armed forces and armaments and international security forces. The plan will be presented on Friday to a 12-nation U.N. study group composed of all the members of the Security Council, plus Canada.

It calls for a merger of the present U.N. Atomic Energy Commission and the Commission for Conventional Armaments, both of which have been deadlocked and inactive for two years. The U.S. will propose that the new body should be called the "Commission for the Control of Armaments and Armed Forces." It would consist of 11 members of the Security Council and Canada.

Comprehensive Plans
Their function would be to prepare comprehensive plans for the regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armaments and armed forces, including internal security and police forces.

In the atomic energy field, the commission would start from the existing U.N. plan for the international control of atomic energy which has been supported by the majority of members but vetoed by the Soviet Union.

Acheson Urges Oil Settlement

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that it is of great importance to the entire free world that Britain and Iran should settle their dispute over the nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. Mr. Acheson reiterated at his news conference that both sides should sit down at a conference table and work out a friendly settlement of their argument. At the same time he vigorously denied that the U.S. is attempting to intervene in internal Iranian affairs by suggesting any solutions of the problem between Britain and Iran.

The U.S., he said, is deeply concerned in the welfare and strength of both parties of the dispute. He expressed the hope that the Iranian government would realize that the U.S. is a sincere friend who has helped and will help the country in the future.

Mr. Acheson stressed that the U.S. has no intention of challenging Iran's sovereign right, but he emphasized that Iran's dispute with Britain cannot be settled unilaterally. There is some disposition here to connect the two subjects. The abandonment of opposition to the inclusion of Greece and Turkey is widely regarded as a concession to the U.S. viewpoint in return for which Britain may expect firmer U.S. support in Persia. "The Times" in an editorial today nevertheless maintains its cautious objections to the extension of the Atlantic Pact into the Eastern Mediterranean "unless it is made perfectly clear to the Soviet Government and everybody else that the Western Powers are not hatching aggressive intentions. There is a hint that the Turks may be well advised not to agree to the establishment of U.S. airbases while American policy remains fluid and uncertain about its aims."

In Paris, Professor Gidel, of the Paris University Law Faculty, confirmed today that the Persian government had asked him for advice on certain legal aspects of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Concession.

"It would be entirely inaccurate to call me a mediator," he said. "I am only in touch with the Persian government on technical matters arising out of my visit there two years ago. I am not in contact with the British Government." Professor Gidel spent three months in Iran two years ago as legal consultant to the Government on oil concessions.

Mossadeq Leaves Majlis
In Tehran it was learned today that Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mossadeq left his sanctuary in the Parliament buildings on Monday after having sought protection there since May 13.

It is understood he spent Tuesday at home, but this morning he returned to the Parliament building, reportedly to resume residence there.

Last night, 40,000 demonstrators in Tehran heard speakers bitterly attack Britain and America, while a reference to Russia and its leaders was cheered. Police riot cars guarded streets leading to the scene of the demonstration in Parliament Square, but earlier reports that tanks entered the streets of Tehran were denied by a military spokesman today.

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The article said the information about Richter's arrest is certain but gave no source. It said that Argentine Army technicians had analysed Richter's "discovery" and found the whole thing only a "colossal bluff."

It said Peron was furious and had Richter arrested, but had not announced it and probably would not.

French Assembly Passes Budget
PARIS, Wednesday (Reuters).—The French National Assembly tonight adopted by one vote a 1951 budget bill presented by the government after its original version failed by five votes to gain a second-reading earlier today.

It took nearly three hours to count the vote, finally announced as 182 for the bill and 181 against. Popular Republicans, most Moderates and the Gaullists abstained from voting.

This morning's setback was due to the abstention of the Socialists who objected to a clause giving religious schools certain tax exemptions, slipped into the bill by a Popular Republic deputy at a late session on Friday when only 15 deputies were present. The new version omits the tax exemption.

New Drop in Gold Price Expected

A further drop in the official price of gold is expected by the end of this week or early next week. The market authorized to deal in gold will offer IL12,870 for a Sovereign instead of the current IL13,400 price.

This drop follows the decrease in black market prices of gold, as well as an official and unofficial drop in the price of dollars.

Weather Hampers Search for Plane

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA).—Bad weather is hampering the search for the missing Israel Mosquito plane which is believed to have made a forced landing last Thursday near an Eskimo village 125 miles northwest of Goose Bay, Labrador, air base.

Though search planes combed the area for five hours yesterday they were prevented by poor visibility from establishing contact with the Eskimo village of sighting the grounded plane.

Forecasters for today promised clearer weather and rescue officials were hopeful of scouring the area from the sky and also of landing a search party at the village from a helicopter.

The twin-engine converted cargo plane, manned by two former Mahal volunteers in the Israel Air Force, has been missing on a flight from the U.S. to Israel since it left the military airport at Goose Bay on a 700-mile hop to Greenland.

AMOUNT OF CURRENCY DROPS SLIGHTLY

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Currency in circulation dropped by IL14,000 last week, from IL84,093,738.500 last Wednesday to IL84,077,738.500 at the close of banking business today.

Treasury Bills remained unchanged at IL24,190,000, while there was an increase of IL84,000 in Government Land Bonds, which now amount to IL85,766,000, and a decrease of IL400,000 in foreign currency, which totalled IL4,111,738.500.

Ben Gurion Day Proclaimed By Mayor of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday. — The Mayor officially proclaimed Thursday "Ben Gurion Day," after this tenth and final U.S. city in the Prime Minister's tour welcomed him with a Marine guard of honour and a formal civic reception, attended by leaders of all Jewish organizations.

Almost the entire Jewish community of 300 families awaited the thrilling night meeting at the airport, recalling a similar scene at Bangor, Maine, in 1918, when his train, carrying volunteers of the Jewish Legion en route for Canada in World War I, was stopped by a group of Jews who had waited all night to cheer them.

Deeply Moved
Spontaneous singing of "Hatikvah" greeted the Prime Minister who said he was "deeply moved by the extraordinary reception." He told reporters: "I am sure the Huleh swamp will be drained, as it is necessary for our country and harms nobody."

A small group, thrilled by the meeting, committed themselves to the purchase of \$1m. worth of bonds.

In Cleveland on Tuesday, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was officially invited to chair the Cleveland dinner for Mr. Ben Gurion, but declined on the grounds of a previous engagement outside Cleveland.

PLANE LOST OFF BEIRUT

NICOSIA, Wednesday.—An unidentified single-engine aircraft crashed into the sea 10 miles east of Sidon, south of Beirut, early this morning. Damascus and Cairo airport authorities reported. The crash was witnessed by another plane flying over the area.

The R.A.F. air-sea rescue station here signalled back saying no aircraft are missing from Cyprus bases.

Israel-Syrian M.A.C. to Meet On Monday

A meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission will be convened on Monday by the U.N. Chief of Staff, Major-General William E. Riley. U.N. headquarters in Jerusalem announced yesterday.

Problems which have arisen in the past few months and which come within the competence of the M.A.C. will be on the agenda, it was reported. General Riley will also discuss other questions that have arisen and which are within the Chairman's competence in connection with the general supervision of the demilitarized zone as set forth in the Armistice Agreement. The announcement said. The decision to convene the M.A.C. followed a series of conferences with both Israeli and Syrian officials. The talks were held to determine how the present differences of opinion concerning those provisions of the Armistice which refer to the demilitarized zone could be resolved, the U.N. statement said.

Sure of Solution

"Both sides are anxious to solve their differences and restore peace in the area and have reiterated their desire to abide by the terms of the General Armistice Agreement," General Riley stated. His conferences have convinced him that a satisfactory solution will result, it was reported.

A Government spokesman said in Tel Aviv last night that it had always been Israel's policy to attend meetings of the M.A.C. and to try to settle within the Commission issues which were within its competence. The spokesman pointed out that Israel had, in fact, been pressing for such a meeting for many months.

There is every reason to believe that Israel will take part in Monday's meeting of the M.A.C. if it is convened, he said.

The last informal meeting of M.A.C. representatives took place on May 5, when the Syrians agreed to a "complete, final and sincere" cease-fire which they broke a few hours later.

U.N. headquarters in New York yesterday received a radio report of Israel's note to General Riley on the Security Council resolution, according to I.N.A. No comment was available, but the consensus was that the question was in the U.N. Chief of Staff's hands and he is the one to determine whether Israel's statement is fully satisfactory, it was said.

Work on Jewish Land At Huleh to Resume

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — Work on the Huleh drainage project was halted today all along the banks of the Jordan, but it is expected that operations on Jewish-owned land will be resumed tomorrow morning.

The management of the project said today that operations will prove very complicated as Jewish and Arab-owned lands interlock in many places.

The Syrians are continuing to fortify and to bring up reinforcements to their positions in the Huleh area. According to a Reuter report from Damascus, a Syrian military spokesman yesterday accused Israel of failing to carry out fully the Security Council resolution on the Huleh drainage project.

He said the Israel statement that work would continue on Jewish land in the demilitarized zone was contrary to the resolution and a violation of the Armistice Agreement. Syria could not accept this, he asserted.

The spokesman added that Israel has still not returned the Arabs evacuated from the demilitarized zone, but was keeping them in camps in Israel.

Action on Order To Gov't Put Off

By MOSHE BRILLIANT, Our Parliamentary Reporter

Knesset action on proposals to instruct the Government to cancel the administrative orders for the detention of religious zealots has been shelved until next week. There was no other work done in the House yesterday and the scheduled debate on the Syrian border situation was postponed, as parliamentary committees and party caucuses discussed the fate of 28 suspected members of the League of Zealots detained under the Defence Regulations which were condemned on Tuesday by the Knesset as "conflicting with the principles of democracy."

The constitutional question whether the Knesset, as controller of the Government's activities, had the power to issue executive orders to the Government aroused serious debate. There was general agreement that in normal times the Knesset could express disapproval with the Government by passing a vote of no-confidence, but the problem was complicated by the fact that the present Government in any case has not had the confidence of the Knesset since February.

It appeared yesterday that the majority of the House would favour the principle that the Knesset had the right to issue orders to the Government.

In addition, there were proposals by the Religious Bloc, Herut and the Communists saying in effect that those prisoners against whom there was sufficient evidence for criminal action should be brought to court and the others freed. These proposals appeared unlikely to win a majority.

Awkward Balance

Mapam held the balance of power on this issue, and they were in an awkward political position. In principle they opposed administrative arrests and they had sponsored the motion on Tuesday night repudiating the measure, but they refused to go along on the proposals to cancel the detention orders because they did not want to accept the responsibility for turning the zealots loose.

In the House Committee, which had been instructed by the Speaker to decide on whether the motions containing executive orders to the Government could constitutionally be put to a vote, the Religious Bloc asked for a postponement of the vote until next Monday.

Truman Asked To Alter Huleh Stand

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — The American Zionist Council has urged President Truman to instruct the U.S. delegation at the U.N. to reverse the decision it took on Friday supporting the order to Israel to suspend the Huleh reclamation project.

The Zionist Council resolution said the U.S. "yielded to the violence of Syria and the threats of the Arab League" and "rewarded Arab aggression and thereby emboldened Arab intransigence and prejudiced the prospects of peace." It described the situation as an injustice and called on the President to instruct the U.S. delegation "to ensure that Israel will be permitted without delay to resume her constructive land reclamation programme free from the threat of attack by adjacent Arab states while at the same time honouring and safeguarding, through the appropriate U.N. organs, the rights of all the affected parties."

N.Y. Times Comment
A "New York Times" editorial, reviewing the Huleh situation, said: "Throughout the dispute neither Israel nor Syria acted with all the restraint that might have been desired, but the Israelis are especially aggrieved over the second U.N. resolution because they feel it calls a halt to the march of progress within Israel's own borders." The editorial also called on General Riley to "make speedy, determined efforts to settle this local issue, which should certainly not be a difficult matter if good faith is exercised on both sides. The U.N. resolution was not intended and must not be taken as a means of indefinitely deterring the reclamation of the Huleh marshes."

Three-Man Electricity Committee Named

The appointment of the three members of the public committee to study the problem of electricity supply was announced yesterday in Jerusalem. The committee was set up by a Cabinet meeting held on May 2. The members are: Mr. Eliezer Haviv, Certified Public Accountant; Mr. E. Hooten, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank Leumi; and Mr. Peretz Nattali, Knesset member.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Israel naval frigate *Nir* will visit Washington in the last three days of May, the Israeli Embassy announced there last night.

Patrols Clash With Arab Harvesters

A minor clash took place in Israel territory on Tuesday when Arab villagers in the Hebron area crossed into Israel to harvest crops, it was reported in Tel Aviv last night. Commenting on Jordan reports of incidents during the past two days, military circles pointed that Arab villagers in border areas continue to cross the lines despite official agreements spanning such movements.

According to an official Amman report over radio Ramallah, more than 80 soldiers entered Idna village yesterday morning and opened fire on the villagers. After an eight-hour exchange of fire with Legion patrols which began at 10 o'clock in the morning, the Israeli soldiers are reported to have withdrawn, having suffered several casualties, including one killed. One Arab was allegedly injured. A strong complaint is reported to have been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

M.A.C. Meeting

No complaint on the Tuesday incident has been transmitted to Israel, a Government spokesman said in Jerusalem last night. U.N. sources were also unable to confirm or deny the incident as described in the communiqué and they did not report any Jordan complaint.

The regular weekly meeting of the Israel-Jordan M.A.C. is scheduled to meet today in a tent near Bet Guttin, it was announced.

The agenda includes the question of the harvest in the Arab landowners on the Jordan side of the line have some fields in Israel and they recently asked Israel to permit them to cross the line to gather the crops. Agan-Aloud Shadi, and Ezer-Seren A. Adelman will represent Israel at the meeting.

An hour before the Bet Guttin meeting, 52 Jordan Arabs, with crops into Israel at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem within the framework of the programme of the reclamation of Arab facilities.

Plants, Shops Closed For Inferior Goods

POST Reporter
The Ministry of Agriculture's drive against manufacturers producing inferior goods and mislabeling raw materials assigned to them by the Government has led to the closure of 16 plants and shops during the past week and a half, and of a good number of others during the four weeks since the inception of the campaign.

Inspectors from Government and private laboratories are making daily rounds of a wide variety of producers, including those of sweets and all kinds of products, and also syrups, biscuits, milk and milk products, bread, vegetables and numerous other items.

A plan to establish more Government testing laboratories is also being studied.

The drive is chiefly aimed at manufacturers who are not using the raw materials issued to them by the Government, but who sell these materials on the black market and employ substitutes. The Ministry's inspectors also investigate retail shops which fail to supply all their customers with rationed items.

The Ministry urges the public to write to its main office in Jerusalem if there is suspicion that some product is of inferior quality. If possible, the item should be sent as well.

A partial list of establishments against whom action has been taken follows:

HAIFA AND SAMARIA DISTRICT:

Ya'akov and Ya'akov, grocery shop in Tira; license revoked indefinitely from June 1.

Fuchs and Abramowitz, sausage factory, 41 Rehov Hama; license revoked from May 3.

Resnikoff, sausage factory, Haifa Bay Area; license revoked from May 7.

Hershkovitz and Waxler, grocery, Kiryat Eliahu work camp; license revoked indefinitely from June 1.

Rosner, grocery shop, 107 Rehov Hama; license revoked indefinitely from June 1.

Feldman, butcher shop, Tel Hanan; license revoked indefinitely from May 20.

Shapiro and Weiser, butcher shop, 26 Rehov Nordau, Haifa; license revoked indefinitely from May 15.

"Mazon La'Amal" cooperative, Rehov Bet Holim, Haifa; license revoked indefinitely from June 1.

Weiser, butcher shop, Givat Shimon; license revoked indefinitely from May 15.

TEL AVIV:
Greenberg, butcher shop, King George Ave.; license revoked indefinitely.

Chichura, butcher shop, 46 Rehov Hama; license revoked indefinitely.

The license of the "Tamat Harey" food packing plant, has been revoked for selling cornflour pudding with potato flour.

The license of the "Havatik" sweets factory, has been revoked indefinitely for manufacturing sub-standard products.

JERUSALEM:
The wholesale license of David Goren of the Zichron Yosef Quarter has been cancelled. Two sacks of sugar were found hidden on his premises.

The license of the "Argenta" food packaging plant, has been revoked for selling cornflour pudding with potato flour.

Three ice cream plants have been warned that the quality of their product is inferior.

Coalition of Obstruction Seen Acting Against State

Editorials in most morning papers yesterday commented on the Knesset's vote against the Emergency Regulations expressing the line of the party each represents.

"Davar" (Histadrut) points out that both the General Zionists and the Orthodox Bloc had twice before voted for the legislation which they now branded as anti-democratic and that Mapam had exploited the Government's action against "a clerical-fascist underground" to use the Party's own words, to form a united front with the Orthodox Bloc and Herut in order to embarrass the Government.

This "coalition of obstruction," the article continues, acted against the vital interests and security of the State. The State will live, however, the paper concludes, will overcome this sabotage.

"Ha'aretz" (independent) regards "the defeat of Mapai" as a failure in party tactics, and criticizes Mr. Sharett for making no effort, in his speech to win over the Orthodox Bloc. The Knesset's decision will weigh on the Government, morally if not formally—an undesirable state of affairs. The Government acted wisely, the paper states, in dealing swiftly with the plot against the Knesset, but should have taken measures to avoid any appearance that its activity in the field of security was tinged with partisan colour.

The General Zionists and the Orthodox Bloc might, with more restraint, have been won over to Mr. Sharett's point of view in the Knesset, the paper suggests, and considers that this failure is due to Mapai's temperamental and obstinate inability to admit mistakes and to heed "the advice of friends."

Concern for Liberty
"Ha'aretz" (independent) justifies the anti-Government vote by stressing that of no less interest to those who voted against the Emergency Regulations than those who voted for it. The Government's use of the Regulations, however, imperils the nation's democracy, and it was the fear of losing civil liberties which drove the majority in the Knesset to the decision.

The paper sees the vote as "the victory of a nation which regards liberty as being the soul of the State." The Knesset's instructions to the Legislative Committee to draft a bill providing for measures to ensure security without encroaching on civil liberties was the solution to the problem, the paper states.

Of the other papers, "Al Hama" (Mapai) dealt with the responsibility for which it places on Mapai. The latter's policy, from the disbanding of the British to the "breakdown" of the Kibbutz Hanehmad, states the paper, endangers the independence of the country and of the labour movement.

"Hakol" (General Zionist) deplores the slow-down strike in Haifa Port not alone for the direct damage to the port but for its deleterious effects in other fields where it is being copied. Intra's economic policy, the paper observes, must be based on intensification, and slow-down strikes, even where workers' demands may be justified, sabotage this purpose. The article suggests legislation making such strikes an offence.

A second editorial in "Davar" praised the Government's popular housing scheme.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES
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The Attorney-General's Office is to ask the Israel-Egyptian M.A.C. to summon witnesses from Gaza to testify in the trial of Jamil el Nuri, an alleged murderer, charged in the Tel Aviv District Court with murdering two Jewish guards near Migdal Gad 20 months ago.

About 1,000 meters of telephone cable were stolen from the Ramat Hashikma recently. Two Jewish residents of Ramat Hashikma were arrested and will be charged with stealing 1,017 meters last Tuesday.

40 tons of grain together with the storage building were destroyed by fire at Kibbutz Hameuhad on Tuesday. Damage is estimated at IL2,500.

Dr. Yosef Kanner, former member of the Knesset, has taken up his new duties as Judge of the District Court, Tel Aviv, and not President of the District Court.

New Ration Books Being Issued
The issuing of new food and clothing ration books, which began in a few sections of Tel Aviv on Monday and in the outlying quarters of Jerusalem and Haifa on Tuesday, is reportedly proceeding smoothly.

The Ministry of Agriculture hired about 400 additional employees to handle the programme, which it is hoped will be completed by the end of next month. The books are being issued at local grocery shops, which inform their customers when the distribution will be made.

In an effort to facilitate matters for persons without identity cards the Ministry has announced that persons without such cards should bring two photos of themselves and present them to the issuing officer at the shop. They will be required to fill out a questionnaire. After a fortnight's time the identity card and the ration books will either be mailed to the applicant or he will be asked to pick them up.

Ration News

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Tomatoes, 150 grams, some 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

JERUSALEM: Frozen Meat: Sick persons with orders from the Medical Association will receive rations at Asher Goldberg, Mahne Yehuda; Rachel Tugendreich, Mehar Baruch; Abraham Cohen, Bosharian Quarter; Meir Altman, Rehov Keren Hakayemet; Meir Subitza, Porosna; who have not yet received the most ration against Zadi 5 and Zadi 6 will receive 3 eggs on presentation of the above coupons of any branch of Tnuva, Tenu, and El Al.

Supplementary ration cards for authorized manual workers will be distributed between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. today in the entrance corridor of the Hicrut Building, Rehov Hapalomim, Jerusalem.

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Mapai Kibbutz Parley Meets Tomorrow

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Between 2,000 and 3,000 Mapai members of the Kibbutz Hameuhad will meet this week-end, either at Kfar Giladi or Tel Yosef, to discuss the establishment of a new Mapai kibbutz movement. The meeting, which will open on Friday and may continue until Monday, follows last week's decision by the Mapai majority to expel Mapai members of two settlements who set up separate child-rearing homes, or planned to establish separate kibbutzim. As a result of this decision at the Kibbutz Hameuhad Conference all Mapai members in the movement regarded themselves as expelled.

The delegates who will attend this week-end's meeting will represent some 30 settlements where Mapai members form an absolute majority, including Afikim, Kinneret, Kfar Giladi, Tel Yosef, Kfar Blum and Ayelet Hashahar, as well as delegates from eight settlements where the Mapai majority is greater than 40 per cent, including Bet Hashita, Givat Haim, Gvat and Kfar Sazol. Nine other settlements where the Mapai members exceed 50 per cent, include Ramat Hakoveh, Dafna and Yagur. The total number of Mapai members in the 80 settlements of the new district is estimated at about 12,000 souls.

Mr. Zvi Scheffer, of Ayelet Hashahar, and Mr. Itzhak Feniger, of Givat Haim, both members of the Mapai Secretariat, told The Post today that the Mapai members of the Kibbutz Movement are not considering the transfer of populations nor are they considering any splitting up of settlements. They stressed that Friday's meeting would consider only the establishment of a new kibbutz movement affiliated with Mapai. The question of the unification of the new movement with the Mapai-affiliated Haver Hakevutim might be discussed later, they said.

The question of "split families" where husband and wife, or parents and children, are of different political affiliations, will be left to the individuals concerned, it was stressed.

The Ministry of Agriculture hired about 400 additional employees to handle the programme, which it is hoped will be completed by the end of next month. The books are being issued at local grocery shops, which inform their customers when the distribution will be made.

In an effort to facilitate matters for persons without identity cards the Ministry has announced that persons without such cards should bring two photos of themselves and present them to the issuing officer at the shop. They will be required to fill out a questionnaire. After a fortnight's time the identity card and the ration books will either be mailed to the applicant or he will be asked to pick them up.

Writers Testify In Yagur Libel Case

HAIFA, Wednesday.—The Haifa Magistrate's Court today resumed the hearing of the libel case brought by Kibbutz Yagur against the editor, publishers and Haifa correspondent of "Herut" for publishing a report in February on the alleged expulsion from the settlement of an aged and ailing woman, whose son, a member of Yagur, as the paper claimed, had fallen in the War of Independence.

Mr. B. Karov, a writer, said the expression "concubine in Gibeah," used as headline of the "Herut" report, was the strongest description of wickedness in the Bible and implied the turning away of guests, violence and civil war.

Mr. Avieser Golan, news editor of "Yediot Aharonot," said the newspapermen assumed their report to be accurate if they emanated from a reliable source, and the best reporters sometimes wrote in the first person about something they had not seen themselves. He would not, however, have stated that he had seen the ailing woman "lying in the street, with blood spouting from her mouth," if he had not seen her himself, as had been stated in the "Herut" account.

T.A. ICE PLANTS RESUME NIGHT PRODUCTION

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The ice situation here is returning to normal tonight, following the agreement reached at midnight today by members of the Ice Manufacturing Syndicate to resume night work as from this evening. The decision followed the personal intervention of Mayor I. Rokach, who promised to intercede with the Ministry of Agriculture for an increase in the price of ice, to help the manufacturers meet the increased cost of night work.

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TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Log B'Omer couldn't come early enough for one bride afternoon at the Rabbinate in Rehov Yavne here, only hours too early. As the ban on marriages between Passover and Shavuot is lifted for 24 hours at 8 o'clock tonight, the Rabbinate agreed to put the young couple under the "hupa" (wedding canopy) first, as soon as the sun set.

In an effort to handle the rush, the Rabbinate has transferred all Sephardic weddings to the Sephardic Synagogue in Rehov Shadal, a block away. Sephardic Jews can marry after Lag B'Omer, while Ashkenazi Jews must wait until the first of the next month on the Hebrew calendar, which falls on June 5.

Only 75 of the 182 couples registered will have their weddings at the Rabbinate Council in Rehov Yavne. The remainder will take place at private homes and public halls. Last year's Lag B'Omer wedding total was 168.

The next most crowded day, after Lag B'Omer, is usually on the first day of Iyar, but the number has seldom exceeded 100. The yearly total according to the Rabbinate, is approximately 6,000 marriages.

For some days past, the windows of toy shops were filled with displays of bows and arrows, the traditional Lag B'Omer toys, while youngsters have carried home-made archery supplies through the streets. A few bonfires were lit on empty lots throughout the city this evening, and the pupils of the Moriah School lit a big fire on the beach and danced around it.

Tomorrow is a school holiday. One school here took advantage of the vacation to give all pupils anti-typhoid injections today to save the youngsters having to take another day away from lessons.

The first rounds in a country-wide shooting competition are to be held at an Army camp "somewhere in Israel" tomorrow.

In Jerusalem last night, the skies glowed all evening with bonfires lit by members of youth movements on hillsides throughout the town. From throughout the evening several hundred members of Hacholim marched through the main streets of the capital with blazing torches, singing the lustily to the accompaniment of blaring bagpipes. All that seemed lacking was the Sholem Aleichem mock battle between "Tchineses" and "Tchineses." Perhaps that will come this morning, when school children take to the fields as have Jewish children on Lag B'Omer throughout the ages to commemorate Bar Kochba's battle with the Romans.

Court Decision On Bank Today

HAIFA, Wednesday.—Andre Bank should be at once cleared of the charge of having exposed Jews to the danger of extermination, as there was no evidence to support it, the defence counsel stated this evening when he opened the case for the defence at the District Court here. The Court will announce its decision tomorrow.

Earlier today, Veronica Izkovicz, a cousin of Bank's wife, testified that after the liberation of Czechoslovakia Bank had been hiding in the attic of her grandfather's house in fear of being denounced for the theft of Jewish property. The defence then read a statement from Mrs. Bank's mother in Canada which said that the witness' evidence was false and had been motivated by a grudge against her cousin. The witness replied that her aunt had also written her a letter threatening her if she gave evidence.

WAR CRIMES SUSPECT'S TESTIMONY ASKED

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITM).—The Denialism Court in Stuttgart, West Germany, has requested the Attorney General's Office in Israel to take a deposition from Dr. Pinhas Pahlitzky, who was committed for trial by the Magistrate's Court here on war crimes charges two months ago. The request was made by the Ministry of Justice in the Bonn government to the Israel Consulate in Munich. The testimony will be taken at the District Court here tomorrow.

The German Court is trying the chief of the Wolanow concentration camp in Poland, at which Pahlitzky had been the head doctor. The accused, Wilhelm Rube, is charged with collaborating with Nazis.

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MR. Ben Gurion's mission to the Jews of the United States has brought him to California. From the Eastern seaboard to Los Angeles, the story is the same. The same warmth and the same response were met wherever the Israel Prime Minister's crowded itinerary has taken him. At all points of the journey, from the first lap to the last, there has been an outpouring of Jewish affection and pride. Affection is being shown for the man who exchanged one stern duty for another, who could leave his pressing work at home to become a flying Bonds salesman abroad. And the Jews of America are proud of the State of Israel that in an unbelievably short time it could scale such heights as to ask, and expect to receive, at the hands of American Jewry a measure of financial participation which but a few years ago would have been dismissed as astronomical.

It is less than a year since Mr. Ben Gurion first outlined the plan for the reception in the next three years of another 600,000 Jews out of a million and a half that were estimated to be waiting to come to Israel. The blueprint provided for the housing, employment and economic integration of the more than half-million newcomers. At the Jerusalem Conference last September, the bare bones of the scheme were covered with flesh. Israel's situation and opportunity (the Conference was told) presented "a unique challenge to American Jewry's statesmanship and foresight." The sixty American representatives undertook to play their part, and the American Financial and Development Corporation, as the sponsor of the Bonds issue, is the result.

These sponsors are aware, none more, that the half-billion dollar issue as a Public Loan is but part of a more ambitious objective. Fully to meet the needs, both of the present population and that to come, Israel, if it is to maintain an acceptable standard of life, must be able to count on free dollars through the United Appeal and on private investments. And it is the Bonds issue which the apocalyptic quality represented by the emergence of Israel is being communicated to the Jews of America; with the echo of the message reverberating wherever Jews are to be found.

This project can only be grasped if statistics are translated into human needs. Mr. Ben Gurion's mission is nothing less than an endeavour in that direction. Through his efforts—and those of Mr. Kaplan and Mrs. Myerson who still remain in the United States—something of the apocalyptic quality represented by the emergence of Israel is being communicated to the Jews of America; with the echo of the message reverberating wherever Jews are to be found.

POLL people on the identity of the hero in the phrase "Man's Best Friend" and you will set off a satisfactory violent little action between horse fans and dog fans. The latter will find proverbial support in the well-known phrase "Love Me, Love My Dog." But such a popularity contest will inevitably narrow itself down to the equine and canine; the feline is not in it. One way of determining the dispute might conceivably be to refer to a standard Book of Quotations, in whose index dogs, with four columns of references, will be found to win by a column from horses with only three. Cats, with a lone column, are nowhere in the running, perhaps because no one, unlike lovers of dogs and horses, has ever parlayed a small bet into a small fortune by placing it on the whiskered nose of a cat.

Happy the cat, therefore, which has found as staunch and loyal a human friend as the "American research student" who advertised in these columns this week for a room for self and cat "with housing and mousing privileges." His language betrays him; a poet, his text a nobleman. We have all of us traces of poetry and nobility in our make-up, and who would be so unpoetic or ignoble as to grudge him full success in his noble and poetic quest?

Massed Troops Vs. Modern Machines

By Robert P. Martin

TOKYO, (ONA).—THE two American company commanders had just come out of the line. Their faces were ruddy and had the texture of leather from Korea's winter winds and spring sunshine and etched even deeper were the fine lines of weariness and worry over their responsibility for the lives of many men.

We talked about the terrifying Chinese "human sea" tactics in which waves of men are thrown against strongly defended positions without regard for losses. We also discussed the highly controversial claims of casualties inflicted on the enemy by the Eighth Army, the Air Force and the Navy.

Capt. Owen R. Grogan talked with the confidence of a man who has seen a great deal of war, first against the Japanese and then against the North Korean and Chinese Communists.

"Four months ago, when we were fighting around Hungnam while the Marines were getting out of the trap, I didn't think much of our casualty figures," Grogan said. "We were hurting the Chinese, but not as much as we claimed. I figured if we cut our claims in half we'd be just about right."

"Now I think we may be conservative in our estimates. We're killing far more Chinese than we ever killed before. It's almost unbelievable to see them stacked up in the hills after a battle."

"The Chinese we fought up around Hungnam were bigger, more experienced and a lot better soldiers than the ones we've been fighting the last week," he explained. "They knew how to take cover, and they didn't waste themselves in banal charges. But the Chinese we're fighting now—they're amateurs."

Chinese Kept Coming
Grogan told about his last fight on a sector almost astride the 38th Parallel. The Chinese had attacked in waves, about an hour apart, and they kept coming despite the slaughter.

"At first we thought the Chinese were mad. Nobody could stand up under that artillery fire. But they didn't seem to have any fear at all. Then we decided they just didn't know any better, or else they knew if they didn't

keep attacking they'd be shot by their officers."

Grogan and his friends, after several engagements, decided the Chinese commanders were using a large proportion of untrained troops in their attacks. They found the bodies of many Chinese they estimated to be in their teens. They also interrogated prisoners, and learned that between 35 and 40 per cent of the assault troops had had combat experience. They were generally old-time Communist soldiers. The others were green, untrained "volunteers."

SPORTS DAY FOR POLICE



A country-wide Police Sports Day took place at the Y.M.C.A. sports ground in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Above, watched by the Minister of Police, Mr. Shikret, contestants complete the 100 metre dash for officers. Photo by Rubinyer.

Readers' Letters

STATE OF IRAH

To the Editor of The Post
Sir, — Certain remarks in Column One, in The Jerusalem Post of May 17, concerning the oil and other conditions in Iran, are regrettable and incorrect.

For instance, it was stated, amongst other things "...and an Iranian Government whose writ is already invalid over much of the country and is likely before long to be invalid over the whole of it. The use of such distorting statements in reference to a country where complete security and order are prevalent and where government laws are observed in the remotest parts of its vast empire, if not actually biased, must then be the outcome of a lack of authentic knowledge in matters relating to Iran."

The Imperial Representation of Iran therefore, in objecting to the publication of such irrelevant remarks, deems it necessary to draw the kind attention of the Editor to the necessity of verifying the truth and authenticity of such subjects prior to the publication of similar articles.

Yours, etc.
SERRI BAHHAJ
Representation of the Imperial Government of Iran in Israel.
Jerusalem, May 22.

ICE CRISIS

To the Editor of The Post
Sir, — What is the Government planning to do about a regular supply of ice for the population in Jerusalem? How long will the ice syndicate be permitted to take advantage of the Jerusalem housewife, who for years at the beginning of every summer, is a

immigrant, and could neither read nor write Hebrew. "She can't even note a phone message if we are out." Replied the other: "You're lucky! The

setting up the ma'abarot last year a Chief Petty Officer of the Israel Navy had directed the rebuilding of a section of the ma'abarot and to commemorate the erection of a certain hut in record time he had his name, Goldberg, painted on it. The subsequent occupant, who explained that Yeminites did not have family names but are merely called by the names of their fathers, said that Goldberg had been noted down by the camp census taker, and being himself pleased with the name he had adopted it. "We have to be good Israelis," he said as the marvellous group left, "and get ourselves real Israel names."

A YOUNG American visitor noted with some surprise that the current wave of name changing seemed to be producing a crop of unfamiliar names... shortenings and abbreviations to names like Aydon, Doron, Aranne and Gad seemed outlandish to her. "What is the matter," she demanded, "with a good Jewish name like Goldfarb, or Levinsohn?"

TWO friends of ours started a discussion on the merits and deficiencies of their respective home helps. One complained that hers was an

Italy's Role in Mediterranean

By Mark Strago

ROME, (ONA).—ONE of the greatest diascas of the last war was the relative inactivity of the Italian navy. After refusing steadfastly to ally out of their home ports for three years, the major fleet units were finally sunk by RAF bombers while lying at anchor in the "impregnable" harbour of Tarento.

Today, however, as far as the Anglo-American Allies are concerned, the shoe is decidedly on the other foot. The Italian Navy, and naval aviation, is needed to help patrol some of the 5,000 miles of Italian coastal waters and, especially, to protect the two key points of the central Mediterranean: the Strait of Otranto, which lies between Italy and Greece and commands the entrance to the Adriatic sea, the harbour of Venice, Trieste and Fiume, and the coastline of Yugoslavia, and the Ionic sea south of Sicily which lies astraddle the major routes connecting the two strong points of Gibraltar and Suez.

The Italian fleet, however, is by no means alone in defending the Mediterranean. Major Allied forces include the U.S. Sixth Fleet (with the carriers Roosevelt, Coral Sea and Midway and the heavy cruisers Columbus and Newport News) and the British Mediterranean Fleet which is still largely a paper force.

Italy's Lifeline
The Mediterranean, aside from its strategic importance as the right flank of Western European defence, is also the lifeline of Italy, which in turn is the southern anchor of Gen.

Two battleships of 23,000 tons each, armed with ten 12-inch guns. They were built in 1912 and in a running fight would probably prove to be less than a match for a modern light cruiser.

The size of Italian navy personnel is limited by the treaty, to not more than 25,000 officers and men. While this force adequately covers the present needs, both as to sea duty and land installations, of the fleet, it enjoys the "luxury" of six fleet admirals, 11 full admirals and 17 vice and rear-admirals. One of the biggest headaches of Admiral Emilio Ferreri, Italian Navy Chief of Staff, is to create enough jobs for his brain-bedecked colleagues, all of whom had something to do and some one to boss in 1940 when the fleet was more than ten times its present size.

Eisenhower's projected line of defence across the Continent. For all practical purposes, the Italian peninsula is in effect an island. The northern frontier of Italy, which follows the dividing line of the Alpine barrier, is uncrossable except for a half dozen mountain passes (like the Brenner and the St. Gotthard) and the narrow flat corridors along the shores of the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic seas leading to France on the West and Yugoslavia on the East. More than 70 per cent of Italy's imports, including all of the material now coming from the U.S., reach Italy by sea. To keep these sea lanes open and safe for convoys is the specific job of the Italian fleet; to do this, it today has the following ships:

Two battleships of 23,000 tons each, armed with ten 12-inch guns.

Three cruisers of 7,300 tons each, armed with ten 6-inch guns and of 1904 vintage.

Three light (1,600 tons) destroyers; 10 torpedo-boats built before World War I, eight of which are now under repair and 30 three-day destroyers; and 30 corvettes of 600 tons, each armed with a single 4-inch gun. To this must be added the three escort vessels given to Italy by the U.S. last month.

The total tonnage of the Italian Navy today is 60,000 tons, the limit set in 1947 by the Peace Treaty. Also, under the treaty, Italy is forbidden to build or operate submarines, aircraft carriers, mine-layers or assault carriers of the LST or LCI types.

Since Italy can build no more ships, the 40 billion lire (\$60m.) which are the Navy's share of the current defence budget are being expended to modernize one of the two battleships and two of the three cruisers.

No Naval Aviation
Naval aviation is still only a phrase. The total of the Italian fleet's air arm consists of a squadron of obsolete Hell-divers, a gift from the U.S. Since these planes are land-based, they have been taken over by the Air Force.

Italian shipyards, now turning out merchant ships at less than 35 per cent of capacity, are eager to accept government contracts for warships, especially small and fast corvettes, light destroyers and escort-vessel types suited for convoy and patrol duties.

Britain has deferred requests for repayment of an earlier food loan to India; 240,000 tons of Burmese rice have been purchased in Rangoon on the East. The feeling that American Congressmen were playing politics with India's hunger has made it difficult for America's friends here who get a poor enough hearing even at the best of times.

Chinese Grain
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India's Fight Against Famine

By Rawle Knox

NEW DELHI.
THE statement in Parliament last week by the Indian Premier, Mr. Nehru, that he could not find any objectionable features in the two Bills regarding grain for India which are now before the American Congress may at last have cleared the political air of the many very thundery suspicions which have overhung this whole transaction.

No one can any longer accuse Mr. Nehru of looking at a gift horse in the mouth. The inordinate time that has dilated away since the American Government's proposal to send India two million tons of food-grains either on deferred

payment or as a gift—the suggestion was first officially made last December — has quite reduced the effect of the original pleasure felt at a generous offer. The feeling that American Congressmen were playing politics with India's hunger has made it difficult for America's friends here who get a poor enough hearing even at the best of times.

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KEEPING POSTED

STOLID Jerusalemites, who have in the past stood up to a good deal of assorted shrapnel and a more than severe water shortage, are now waiting before this summer's combination of inconveniences. To the recent record-breaking khamsin has been added the acute breakdown in the manufacture and distribution of ice. The streets and buses of the city are filled with hurrying, sharp eyed and anxious citizens of all ages, all carrying string-bags, buckets, sacks

and metal tongs, and any other convenience (not scolding gloves, despite the weather) to facilitate the transport of a quarter block of ice. Ice trucks are tracked down (to a different place each day) by the more mobile, who follow up scouts on bicycles. The subsequent queues are not always orderly, mothers shuffling anxiously as they think of the

baby's milk curdling in the empty icebox, harried husbands nursing their sore feet and groaning at the thought of the long trail home. One woman received a chunk in the German Colony with the words "that's the last," only to have the whole queue fall upon her ferociously. It was all she could do to get away with the precious ice before it melted. Another exhausted housewife, clutching her hard-won block, stumbled to a bus stop in the centre of Jerusalem and was heard to ask "if this was the bus for Beth Hakerem."

ON the way to Tiberias recently a group of friends stopped their overheated car and one walked over to a nearby ma'bara to get some water. A few minutes later he came running back with out the can and stuttered "Any of you ever heard of a Yemenite named Goldberg?" Thinking he had a touch of the sun the others went to investigate. Sure enough, clearly lettered on the tin door of a hut inside of which sat a dignified old Yemenite, were the words, "Elihu Goldberg." Cross-questioned, the old man admitted he had adopted the name. It appeared that when the Israeli defence units began

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